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I was developed as a Communist penetration agent by CALLICERIS and his expulsion from Honduras as a Communist was arranged with Honduran authorities. He submitted two reports and then no more was heard from him. It was understood that he had been picked up by the Guatemalan police.

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- 1. Jorge Isaac DELCADO is living at Av. & No. 7-20, Guatemala City, in a house owned by Abel DUENCA. Also residing in the same house is Julio Erwin SPAATZ. DELCADO works in the government office which has control of radio stations. SPAATZ is employed in the president's publicity office and he also has charge of internal and external press matters.
- 2. Julio ARAGON Zermeno, who was formerly in the Guardia Judicial and who is now retired, stated on 8 May 195h that President Jacobo ARBENZ is afraid that he will have to flee the country from one day to the other. Reportedly ARBENZ has been able to learn little regarding plans of the opposition. Because of his fear he recently organized a group of confidential agents under his personal direction. He is also reported to be considering the formation of special gangs which would be led by Major Carlos BANKIOS Pena.
- 3. BARRIOS was reported to have been engaged in the organization of an information service for Col. Rogelio CRUZ Wer in March 1954. BARRIOS is now seeking collaborators for the new group, and ARAGON said that he had been approached by BARRIOS with the request that he lend his help. According to ARAGON, he was offered a good salary, and he was also informed that ARBENZ would pay a sizeable sum as well as assuring a safe departure from the country, to anyone providing information regarding opposition plans. PARRIOS said that there would soon be denouncements of CRUZ Wer, Col. Jose Ruben GONZALEZ Sigui, and Col. Isidoro MORALES Carranza on the ground that they are involved in some movement. Reportedly CRUZ learned of the planned action and warned MORALES.
- 4. It is stated that Col. Jaime ROSENEERC, director of the Guardia Judicial, is very worried about opposition movements. ROSENEERC has indicated to subordinates that there are many opposition agitators among the priests and that these persons are being watched closely. He added that the government also has some priests in its service. Special agents have been sent to the borders and they are in daily contact with Guardia Judicial headquarters.
- 5. It has been reported by these agents that Jorge MARRU has a fince in the north, known either as Los Guayables or Las Guacamayas, on which cotton or citronella is grown. The Guardia haslearned that there is an electric plant on this farm, and its suspected that this plant is providing energy for the clandestine radio station directed against the government. MATREW and other rich land owners are believed to be financing the station. For the present MATREW is only being watched.

On he May the Duardia Judicial received a note from the Presidential Palace stating that all agents should work in cooperation with agrarian committees, labor unions and the Partido Guatemalteco del Trabajo. Orders to this effect have been dispatched to all bases throughout the Country. In a pep talk to his agents on 7 May HOSENDER said that the government is threatened and that each must devote himself to his work.